



**2008 PSA WORLD YOUTH TOURNAMENT (BOYS UNDER-16)
PREMIER SOCCER ACADEMIES CAMPUS – LORAIN, OH
MATCHDAY 2 – Aug. 11, 2008**

Blackburn Rovers 1, Chile U16 National Team 0

Blackburn Rovers goal – Tom Hitchcock (80th minute). Saves: Josh Swann 3.

Chile Saves: Claudio Santis 1.

Shots – Blackburn Rovers 4, Chile 10.

Lineups – **Blackburn Rovers:** Josh Swann, Will James, Alex Billington, Tom Murray, Phil Jones, Matthew Pearson, Jordan Bowen, Gearoid Morrissey, Tom Hitchcock, Micah Evans (Shane Birtles, 80th minute), Joel Sturgess (Tom Donegan, 41st minute).

Chile: Claudio Santis, Juan Gomez (Cesar Valenzuela, 54th minute), Mario Parra, Alex Gonzalez, Matias Navarrete, Gustavo Ramirez, Piero Garate (Cristian Contreras, 71st minute), Claudio Sepulveda, Santiago Dittborn, Diego Inostroza (Matias Jadue, 41st minute), Erick Mora.

Premier Soccer Academies 2, Club America 0

PSA goals – Zach Shaffelburg, Ebby Perez. Saves: Justin Luthy 3.

Club America Saves: Luis Robles 3.

Shots – PSA 7, Club America 13.

Lineups – **PSA:** Justin Luthy, Juan Martinez, Aslinn Rodas, Visnu Maharaj, Zach Shaffelburg, Giakumis “Yaya” Kodogiannis, Will Trapp (Myles McGinley, 54th minute), Carlos Salcedo (Olakunle Banjo, 30th minute), Charles Root, Victor Garza, Ebby Perez.

Club America: Luis Mejia, Edgar Duran (Giovanni Lopez, 50th minute), Diego Rosales, Eric Lomeli, Ivan Medel (Jesus Bernal, 59th minute), Alejandro Chavez, Luis Mancilla, Octavio Moreno (Jonathan Hernandez, 71st minute), Diego Clemente (Jorge Flores, 45th minute), Jorge Aguirre, Eduardo Leyte.

GROUP B STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GD
PSA	1	0	0	3	2
Blackburn Rovers	1	0	0	3	1
Chile U16 National Team	0	1	0	0	-1
Club America	0	1	0	0	-2

MATCHDAY 2 RECAP

Premier Soccer Academies' first team christened its new stadium on the PSA Campus in glorious fashion Monday with a 2-0 victory over Club America's under-16 academy team on Day 2 of the inaugural Premier Soccer Academies World Youth Tournament.

Emblematic of PSA's international influence, which is the vision PSA co-founder and president Brad Friedel has always had for his academy, it received a 31st-minute goal from Nova Scotia, Canada native Zach Shaffelburg, a 57th-minute goal from Venezuelan Ebby Perez, and Columbus, Ohio's Justin Luthy was sharp and authoritative in his penalty area, making three saves and keeping a clean sheet.

In the earlier match of the day, Blackburn Rovers' U16s were chasing the match the entire 80 minutes before getting a second half stoppage time goal from striker Tom Hitchcock in a 1-0 win over Chile's U16 national team.

Both matches were intriguing to watch from a tactical standpoint, with Club America and Chile holding decisive advantages in possession while PSA and Blackburn left to play the counterattack.

Club America was piling up the shots and corner kicks in an all-out first half attack (America registered 13 shots and 14 corners in the match) and Shaffelburg's goal from the right side of the penalty area completely came against the run of play and "involved a little luck," Shaffelburg said.

Perez provided PSA with a cushion as he got behind all of Club America's outfield players and ran onto a long clearance from PSA's own area. Perez beat onrushing Club America goalkeeper Luis Mejia to the ball 20 yards inside America's own half, poked it past him and scored into an open net from 25 yards out on the right.

"I would have liked to control the game a little bit more," said PSA coach and retired U.S. international Desmond Armstrong. "But it was good for the kids. We look at it as a learning experience, getting to play some of the top international teams. There really isn't a better tournament for our team to be playing in right now, and with it being here (at PSA)."

As for Blackburn, its counterattacking tactics were by design. It stuck to the game plan against the smooth and technical Chileans, didn't register a shot until seven minutes into the second half but gained more of an offensive grip on the match in the last 15 minutes.

Jordan Bowen's ball out of his own half sprung Hitchcock on a run down the left flank. Hitchcock beat his defender into the penalty area, cut the ball away from charging Chile goalkeeper Claudio Santis and scored into the net from close range.

"Chile is one of the top teams in the world in youth football," Blackburn coach Terry McPhillips said. "I'd like to compliment Chile. They play the right way. We had a plan. It was not to score in the 80th minute. We expect to have the ball much less than them. We knew we were going to have to work very hard. I wish we could play the way they do but the culture is different. We are not from South America. They raise skillful players. We have very determined players."